Local Usage Slocum's River

"Best known as Slocum's River. Known also as Paskamansett. Called Slocum's because formerly its banks were owned and inhabited by the families named Slocum. Paskamansett is the Indian name given to it, but has gone out of use" - Board of Selectmen, North Dartmouth, 1/11/35

"Known as Paskamanset and Slocums River. Paskamanset name of Indian tribe. Slocums name of family of early settlers. From the source of this stream to where it reaches salt water it is known as Paskamanset River; from there on to its mouth it is known as Slocums River" - P.M. South Dartmouth, 1/14/35

Authorities

Slocums River

1852 - Walling, Bristol County, for section below Russell Mills

Slocum's or

Paskamansett R. 1858 - Smith & Company, Bristol County. Fresh River above Dartmouth.

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"Best known locally as Slocum's River. In 1652 Ralph Russell and Anthony Slocum settled in the place called Russells Mills and the river that flows down through the village was called Slocums River" - P.M. Nonquitt, 2/11/35